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SUBJECT: UNGA: KOREAN ITEM

1. FOLLOWING IS U.S. PRESS GUIDANCE ON PRO-NORTH KOREAN
RESOLUTION SUBMITTED TO UNGA AUGUST 16:

QUESTION: WHAT IS THE U.S. REACTION TO THE ITEM AND
RESOLUTION FOR THE UNGA ON KOREA SUBMITTED YESTERDAY
BY THE ALGERIANS AND OTHERS TO THE UN?

ANSWER: THE RESOLUTION IS BASED ON A PROPAGANDISTIC
AUGUST 5 STATEMENT BY NORTH KOREA ACCUSING THE U.S. OF
AGGRESSIVE DESIGNS IN KOREA, IGNORING THE FACT THAT WE
AND THE ROKG HAVE INVITED THE PARTIES DIRECTLY
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CONCERNED TO DISCUSS THE EASING OF TENSIONS ON THE

PENINSULA. IT INDICATES THE NORTH'S CLEAR INTENTION TO FORCE A CONTENTIOUS AND UNPRODUCTIVE DEBATE ON KOREA. THE RESOLUTION SEEMS DESIGNED TO OBSCURE THE NORTH'S REFUSAL TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE ROKG ON THE FUTURE OF THE PENINSULA, AND ITS FAILURE TO RESUME THE DIALOGUE WITH THE ROKG WHICH BOTH PARTIES AGREED TO IN 1972. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THE SUREST WAY TO

PROGRESS ON THE KOREAN QUESTION IS THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS SUCH AS THOSE PROPOSED BY THE SECRETARY IN HIS JULY 22 SPEECH, RATHER THAN THE CONFRONTATION CONTAINED IN THE NORTH KOREAN APPROACH.

QUESTION: ARE WE GOING TO PUT IN OUR OWN RESOLUTION?

ANSWER: WE WOULD PREFER TO AVOID ANOTHER STERILE UN DEBATE, BUT ARE DISCUSSING WITH OTHER INTERESTED COUNTRIES HOW TO MEET THE NORTH KOREAN MOVE.

BACKGROUND: A PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION WAS SUBMITTED TO THE UNGA BY ALGERIA AND 22 OTHER COUNTRIES (12 COMMUNIST AND 10 NON-ALIGNED.) THE RESOLUTION IS A HARD-LINE, CONFRONTATIONAL DOCUMENT THAT REPEATS FAMILIAR NORTH KOREAN ANTI-U.S. PROPAGANDA THEMES. AS WITH THE PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION ADOPTED LAST YEAR, IT CALLS FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS STATIONED IN KOREA UNDER THE UN FLAG, DISSOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND AND REPLACEMENT OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WITH A PEACE AGREEMENT. ITS SPONSORS INCLUDE THE WARSAW PACT STATES, CUBA, PRC, ALGERIA, TOGO, MADAGASCAR, MALI, IRAQ, CONGO, GUINEA, MALTA, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, ZAMBIA AND BURUNDI.

2. WE WILL INFORM KOREA CORE GROUP AUGUST 17 OF THIS GUIDANCE. SUBJECT TO FURTHER GUIDANCE OR AMENDMENT, IT MAY BE USED BY ADDRESSEES IF ASKED.

3. FOR COLOMBO: WE BELIEVE THAT, IF ROK DEL HANDLES
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IT PROPERLY, THEY COULD GET GOOD MILEAGE AT COLOMBO OUT OF FACT THAT AT NORTH KOREA INSTIGATION ALGERIA HAS MOVED, WITH 10 OTHER NON-ALIGNED STATES, IN COORDINATION WITH 12 SOCIALIST STATES TO ENTER AN ITEM ON UNGA AGENDA ON WHICH THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE HAS NOT YET TAKEN A POSITION. THIS EFFORT ILLUSTRATES THAT NORTH KOREA IS MORE INTERESTED IN INSISTING ON RIGID IDEOLOGICAL POSITIONS THAN IN FINDING COMMON

GROUND FOR A CONSENSUS WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
NON-ALIGNED. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT IS CLEAR
THAT NORTH KOREA IS DOWN PLAYING THE NON-ALIGNED
CONSULTATIVE PROCESS IN THEIR OWN INTERESTS.

THE FOREGOING ARGUMENTATION OBVIOUSLY CAN BE MUCH
MORE EFFECTIVELY MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE NON-ALIGNED
MOVEMENT THAN BY U.S., WHICH IF ASKED SHOULD CONFINE
ITS COMMENTS TO THOSE OUTLINED IN PARA 1 ABOVE.

4. THERE WERE NO QUESTIONS ON ALGERIAN RESOLUTION
AT NOON PRESS BRIEFING AUGUST 17.

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